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Here's a strange Santa Claus, Reining in her trusty steeds, Steadily and true they serve her, Eagerly they fill her needs.

TRUST ISSUE AT FUNERAL.

Attempt to Withdraw Hearse Because Independent Hackers Were Hired.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—Norfolk and Portsmouth have a funeral trust, which has broken into court. The action grows out of the attempt of a representative of the Livernmen's Association to stop a funeral because of the presence of competitive hacks in line with the trust hearse where the remains of John Bell were being taken to the grave.

The representative of the trust narrowly escaped rough handling at the hands of the enraged mourners. His instructions to the driver of the hearse to leave the body and return to the stable immediately were only prevented from being executed, it is stated, by a policeman, called in by the outraged family. Subsequently he was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The action of the Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Berkeley Livernmen's Association really came near precipitating a riot.

A Cape Times correspondent has interviewed Mrs. DeWet, wife of the Boer general. She said: "You Englishmen will never catch my husband. He is going to win back for the Free Staters and Transvaalers what they have lost. He has enough food and ammunition to last for three years, and that is just how long the war is going to last."

TWO NEGRO WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH.

A Mother and Her Daughter Perish in the Flames.

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Fayetteville, Dec. 14, says: News was received here yesterday afternoon of a fearful tragedy by fire on the east side of Cape Fear river, about twelve miles from this city. The daughter of Allen Fenter, an industrious, hard-working negro, discovered a pile of shacks on fire in an out-house, and, in trying to extinguish the flames, ignited her clothing. Her mother ran to her aid, and the unfortunate girl, by this time a very column of flame, threw her arms about the old woman, and in this furious clutch of death agony, both perished there in the yard. The older woman was well known here, being for many years a faithful servant in the family of the late Dr. B. W. Robinson.

A Volcano in the Moon.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Albert Charbonneau, the astronomer, claims to have discovered an active volcano in the moon. Its eruptions are marked by puffs of smoke at intervals from a small crater near the crater of Theatrus. The smoke, says the astronomer, hangs suspended for some time, indicating an atmosphere, in which case all theories concerning the moon are upset, including the question of inhabitation.



Ye night wind howled like a giant's song, Ye punch was hoarse, ye punch was strong, Ye knights were gay, Uppe were empty ere 'twas full, Just how many a good strong pull I could not say.

'Tis a strangely mixed condition; Tell me, is it not, I pray? Instead of reindeer in the harness, Here's a dear within the sleigh.

—Jean C. Hayes.

GRAND JURY FOUND TRUE BILLS.

Registrars and Sixteen Citizens of Winston Charged With Depriving Citizens of Their Rights.

A special from Winston-Salem to Washington Post says: The grand jury of the Federal Court, in session at Charlotte, has rendered true bills against three election registrars and sixteen citizens of Winston. The specific charge is "deprivation of rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States," which means a charge that they prevented various and sundry voters from casting their ballots. A dozen or more witnesses in behalf of the government went before the grand jury, which returned three separate bills, all for the same offense.

New Cotton in 1858.

Charlotte Observer.

One of the old newspapers found in the Colley house—The Western Democrat, published at Charlotte, edited by William J. Yates and bearing date of September 7th, 1858, has the following: "Two bales of new cotton were brought to this market on Friday last, September 3rd, one by W. W. Rae, of Providence, which was purchased by R. M. Oates & Co., at 11 1/2¢—and one by Robt. Cunningham, purchased by J. B. Stenhouse & Co., at 11 1/2¢. There is some question as to whose bale arrived in town first—both claim the honor. The weighmaster is of opinion that Mr. Cunningham was here first and sold first. But there was so little difference in the time, we think the credit ought to be divided between both."

BRITISH DEFEATED.

AN ENGLISH COLONEL AND THREE CAPTAINS KILLED.

BOERS SUCCESSFUL ON SEVERAL FIELDS.

General Clements Forced to Retreat by the Boer Commandant Delarey—De Wet Still Fighting.

London, Dec. 14.—Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Noodledacht, General Clements' forces were compelled to retreat by Commandant Delarey, with a force of 2,500 men. Four British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported.

Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the War Office is as follows:

"Pretoria, Dec. 13th.—Clements' force at Noodledacht on the Magaliberg, was attacked down by Delarey, reinforced by Bey's commando from Warmbath, making a force estimated at 2,500. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get on top of the Magaliberg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and were thus able to command Clements' camp. He retired on Hekepoort and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

"The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe and I deeply regret that Colonel L'Orange, of the Twentieth Hussars and Captain Machoon, Murdoch, and Atkins were killed. Reinforcements have left here."

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lichtenburg, and that General Delarey was killed. Attacks upon Bothoem and Vredes were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. Vredes was attacked Dec. 11th. Sniping continued when the message was dispatched.

The second night is ominously close to Pretoria. Noodledacht is only twenty-two miles northwest of Pretoria. It is reported that General Knox, co-operating with the British column at Reddersburg, has stopped General De Wet and that a battle is proceeding. The report adds that many of Gen. DeWet's followers have been captured.

The scenes at the War Office today recall the war in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited and anxious people filled the lobby. The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers in Gen. Kitchener's dispatch leads to the supposition that the four companies of the Fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of the Boers.

The War Office officials evidently expect a heavy casualty list, but they are hopeful from the fact that the dispatch does not mention the capture of the Northumberland Fusiliers, such a great catastrophe has been escaped. Orders were issued at Aldershot, Malta, and other military centers to dispatch all the available mounted infantry to South Africa.

Johannesburg, Dec. 14.—The battle still continues in the hills a few miles from Krugersdorp. Gen. Clements has asked for reinforcements and mounted men under General French have already gone. There have been many casualties on both sides. It is estimated that the Boers number 2,800.

Where to Fight the Duel at Lee Monument Grounds.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.—A duel between O. E. Jarman, of Jacksonville, and George E. Hugby, of Statesville, was prevented by the friendly intervention of Prof. J. C. Freeman, of the faculty of the Mass Business College, in which the young men are students. It was reported that knives were to be the weapons. The young men had trouble in school, and decided to settle the matter afterward at the Lee Monument grounds. Mr. Jarman and a few school fellows went out to the monument in the afternoon, as they agreed to, but Prof. Freeman prevailed on Mr. Hugby not to go out. The students afterwards said they only intended to have a fist-fight and not a duel.

Squadrons in Hampton Roads.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 13.—Two squadrons are now assembling in Hampton Roads. One is the squadron of small vessels destined for Manila. Of this squadron the gunboat Annapolis, converted gunboat Frolic, and the tug Pleaques are at anchor. The gunboat Vicksburg and tug Wompatuck will complete the force. Of the big squadron to sail South January 4, the Massachusetts and Kearsarge have arrived. The Indiana and Alabama and several torpedo boats will complete this squadron.

Where Missionary Work is Needed.

Raleigh correspondence Wilmington Messenger.

The Baptist State Convention discussed state missions and destitution in North Carolina, where it is greatest, covering ten counties. Rev. Braxton Craig said in these counties are people who never heard of Jesus; that in Edgecombe alone, there are 8,000 people who do not believe in God and have no church connection of any kind.

At Glad New Year.

De Gary—It won't be long before you'll forget you ever promised to marry me.

Madge—Don't say that, dear. I wrote it down in my new diary last night.—Christmas Smart Set.

THE POPULATION OF OUR LARGEST TOWNS.

Wilmington Still Leads the List—Cities Making Greatest Gains in Last Ten Years are Asheville, Greensboro and Charlotte—Raleigh Having New Census Taken.

We give below the population of towns in the State, having a population of more than 2,000, as sent out from Washington, Raleigh is having a new census taken of the city.

The first column of figures shows the population in 1890, the second the results of the 1900 census. The cities making the largest gains are Asheville, 10,236 to 14,694; Greensboro, 8,317 to 10,085; Charlotte, 11,857 to 18,001; Elizabeth City, 3,251 to 6,249 and Winston, (Salem not included), 5,918 to 10,908.

Some remarkable gains were made by the smaller towns, as a glance at the list which follows will show:

	1890	1900
Asheville	10,236	14,694
Beaufort	2,097	2,195
Burlington	1,716	3,892
Charlotte	11,857	18,001
Concord	4,339	7,910
Durham	6,455	6,679
Eden	2,205	3,046
Elizabeth City	3,251	6,249
Fayetteville	4,222	4,670
Gastonia	1,033	4,619
Goldboro	4,017	5,872
Greensboro	8,317	10,085
Greenville	1,937	2,965
Henderson	4,191	3,746
Hickory	2,053	2,535
High Point	3,061	4,168
King's Mountain	429	2,092
Kinston	1,726	4,106
Monroe	1,886	4,227
Mount Airy	1,708	2,680
Newbern	7,843	9,090
Newton	15,678	18,644
Reidsville	2,190	3,746
Randolph	2,969	3,293
Rocky Mount	616	2,937
Salisbury	2,711	6,612
Salisbury	4,418	6,277
Statesville	2,818	3,141
Tarboro	1,924	2,499
Waco	4,845	4,925
Wilmington	20,056	30,970
Wilson	2,136	8,625
Winston	5,918	10,908

A FUSION BLUNDER.

Makes Double Trouble For Electors, Two Meetings Necessary.

Davie Record.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 5.—The election of the President and Vice-President of the United States met here and adjourned until the second Monday in January, when a second meeting will be held, and the vote will be cast. This first meeting is useless, and is the result of ignorance in framing the statute calling the meeting. This was passed by the Fusion Legislature of 1895. The electors met twice—on the first Tuesday in December, to comply with the State law, and on the second Monday in January to comply with the National law. This latter is the date on which the electors in all the states assemble.—Winston Journal.

Some of our Democratic friends are prone to pack all such blunders on the Fusion Legislature that it gives us great pleasure to inform the Journal that if he will turn to Chapter 507, Sec. 83, laws of 1899, he will find that it is a Democratic blunder, and not a Fusion blunder at all. Read:

"The governor shall thereupon immediately issue his proclamation and cause the same to be published in such daily newspapers as may be published in the city of Raleigh, wherein he shall set forth the names of the persons duly elected as electors and warn each of them to attend at the capitol in the city of Raleigh at noon on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday of December next after his election, at which time the said electors shall meet, etc.

ARRANGES TO HOLD BULL-FIGHTS.

Arizona Syndicate Stir Up the Pastors of Phoenix.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dispatch.

Ministers of Phoenix have aroused indignation in this place over a bull-fight scheduled to take place here Monday, the opening day of the carnival. They planned to telegraph the President and United States Attorney General, in hope that they would instruct the territorial officials to prevent the cattle with wild bulls. Acting Governor Akers was waited upon today and the United States marshal at Tucson was notified of his duty to prevent a violation of the United States laws. The special act of 1896 makes bull-fighting a felony. The Acting Governor declares he will call out the militia to stop the bull fight.

A local syndicate at considerable expense has engaged six celebrated matadores, or bull-fighters, of Mexico, and a number of picadores and bandilleros, with a herd of wild bulls, to faithfully reproduce the bloody bull-fight, as witnessed in Mexico. Arrangements were made quietly, but since strong opposition is developed the management declares it will put on the fight stripped of its worst features. Recently an unrestricted bull-fight was held in Tucson, Ariz., and there was not a protest.

Saved by a Ring.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Mrs. John Tucker was hung up by a finger Thursday in a peculiar and painful manner. She was about to descend a flight of stairs when she lost her balance, and to keep from plunging head down the stairs she threw her arms up and the ring on one of the fingers caught on a hook in the wall. The whole weight of her body fell on the one finger and she was unable to regain her footing until help came. The finger was horribly lacerated by the accident and had to be amputated.

THE REASON WHY.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS NO LARGE, POPULOUS CITIES.

DUE TO PECULIAR COMMERCIAL DEALINGS.

The State Has No Railway Terminals—No Effort Made to Build up Trade Centres.

Newbern Journal.

The United States census of 1900 shows that North Carolina has no large cities that can be really so considered by the size of their population.

When mention is made that the metropolis of North Carolina has a population of a few thousands over twenty thousand, it must cause a smile when a place of such a population is hardly known as a city, much less a metropolis in other States.

When the average North Carolinian goes to Wilmington, Charlotte, Raleigh or Greensboro, he feels as though he was in a large city, and so he is by comparison with the same country town he lives in, or by the change from a farm.

To the people of these cities, whose population are now made public, the number of their inhabitants must be disappointing.

But to the careful observer or the student of how cities grow in population there is an unmistakable reason, a logical and well-defined reason, why North Carolina has no large cities, and even more, why in the future, unless present conditions change, there will be no specially large cities in this State.

North Carolina being an agricultural State will be given by some as a cause for no large cities. But this rule does not hold good for other agricultural States where cities have grown up with large populations.

The reason in North Carolina is due to its peculiar commercial dealings at home and abroad, and that these commercial transactions are carried on due to the railroads which traverse the State passing through it, from North to south.

Consider the traffic passing over any of the great trunk lines through this State and it will be found that foreign, domestic and coastwise trade, and commercial transactions are carried on due to the railroads which traverse the State passing through it, from North to south.

There are no places in North Carolina which can be called great commercial centers for the State's products, where capital centers, where people center and build up great business houses, and so a great population, with ample capital, grows into a great city, or more than one hundred thousand population.

These great railway systems, admirable in their way, create no large cities, because they have no terminals in the State. Raleigh is a station, Greensboro and Charlotte are stations, where passengers may get a meal, or there may be a change of cars.

But where are the railroads running from the West to East, carrying the State's varied products to the coast, where the products are to be handled, and be used at home or shipped abroad? It is this way that a situation of North Carolina cities, which up-raises against their growth, an iron bar. It is against the interests of the railroads that any change be made in freight, and without railroads, east and west, to carry home and foreign products to cities in the State, to be handled by these cities, there can be no large centers of population in North Carolina, and no disappointment need be felt or expressed over census returns.

GREAT SOUTHERN ENTERPRISE.

Seaboard to Build Her Own Trains and Keep the Money in the South.

Norfolk Dispatch.

The Dispatch is glad to learn from the news columns of a contemporary that the Seaboard Air Line is practicing what all Southern roads are preaching. It is building up home enterprise, and is keeping some of the good money that has been going North and West so long right down here in the South.

Over in the big shops of the Seaboard Air Line, at Portsmouth, Va., they are building passenger cars. The road needed new equipment. It wanted to put a half dozen new trains on for service between New York and Tampa. As it was desired that the cars for this service should be of the finest possible make, it would probably have been less trouble and just about as cheap for the road to buy outright from the Pullman Company.

Instead of doing this, however, it was determined by the management that it would be better to keep the money in Virginia and not to send it to Chicago. Accordingly the cars are now under construction at the Portsmouth shops of the road. A Virginia industry is being built up. Experts in the car building line were brought here and others are being trained.

Some of the cars have already been finished, and others are nearing completion.

A reporter, who has seen these cars, passes judgment on them as a popular expert, and intimates that they beat anything that Pullman ever turned out in his palmy days. He enlarges the cars, and states that they are "veritable rolling palaces of the most modern design."

The World is Sick.

Cardinal Vaughan, the eminent Roman Catholic churchman of England, declares that the whole world is sick and that he sees no hope for humanity in the dawn of the new century. The spirit of greed, he says, has mastered Christendom, and the prospect for humanity is almost as bad as it can be.



BRUTAL NAZING IN CHICAGO.

University Students Dumb a Fellow Student With Ink and Compel Him to Run the Gauntlet.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Frank Lust, a student in the Northwestern University Academy, was hanged last night by twelve masked students. He was taken from the university gymnasium where he was practicing, to a secluded spot on the lake shore, where he was blindfolded, and his clothes removed.

A coat of black ink and soap was then daubed over his entire body. After the treatment of ink and soap, the student stood up and compelled him to run the gauntlet. He faltered while being taken to his home.

Last week Lust received a threatening letter signed by several fictitious names in which he was asked to watch out for his treatment. It is thought the victim recognized several of his tormentors.

Last Friday night F. H. Snyder was visited in his room by half a dozen students and treated to a coat of fly paper.

Will Increase Valuations.

New Orleans Dispatch.

Officers of the Southern Pacific R.R. which has the contract of carrying the Porto Rican laborers from New Orleans to San Francisco, where they are to work upon the Hawaiian sugar plantations, are started over the profitability of the women of the party, and fear their contract is an unprofitable one. The first party which left here for San Francisco consisted of ninety persons, men, women and children, and went in a single passenger coach. Six children were born on the route and the comfort of the mothers and babies complicated the railroad to put on a second passenger coach. There is no money in the contract, a railroad official says. All the Porto Rican women are a profit as thus.

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NORTH CAROLINA METHODISTS.

Owne More Than a Million Dollars Worth of Church Property—Growth of the Denomination.

The different reports to the North Carolina Conference are as follows: The report on church property shows that there are six hundred and fifty churches in the conference valued at eight hundred and sixty thousand dollars; one hundred and twenty six parsonages, valued at one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

The Sunday school report shows six hundred and ten schools with five thousand and two teachers and thirty-nine thousand and one hundred and ninety eight scholars.

The report of Epworth League board shows an increase of ten leagues and four hundred members. The number of accessions in church membership this year is more than counterbalanced by deaths, withdrawals and expulsions.

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"The bother of present buying is purely imaginary. Now, I have my mind made up as to what I shall purchase for Angelina."



"Yes, that is just what I intended getting, but perhaps she would like something else better."



"Great Scott! What shall I get?"



And this is why Angelina waited in vain for a Christmas gift from Harold!